

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BABEJ, Jiri

SERIAL NO.: 10/595,837

Examiner: Saether, F.

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FOR: FUNCTIONAL ELEMENT, ASSEMBLING COMPONENT CONSISTING OF THE FUNCTIONAL ELEMENT COMBINED WITH A METAL SHEET, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE ASSEMBLY COMPONENT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE FUNCTIONAL ELEMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on January 27, 2009, applicants present the following remarks.

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following inventions in the Application under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: claims 58-113, drawn to a fastener;

Group II: claim 114-118, drawn to a method of attaching a fastener to a panel.

In order to make this response responsive to the action, applicants elect Group I which corresponds with claims 58-113, without traverse.

The Examiner has further required an election of species as follows:

- A. Figs. 1-2;
- B. Fig 3;
- C. Fig 4;
- D. Fig 5; and
- F. Fig. 10.

Figures are Figs, 1, 1A and 2 and the following claims read onto that embodiment. Applicants elect the species of claims 58 to 71, 75 to 78, and 80 to 86.

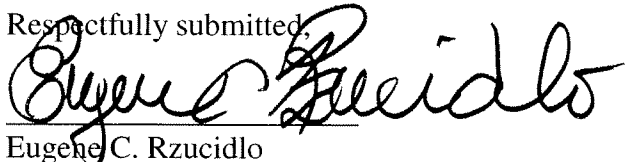
Applicants have elected as required in the Office Action but applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement as well as the election of species.

It is believed that all of the pending elected claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 309-1214. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at gcr@hunton.com.

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